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CERTIFICATION OF ARCHIVISTS

There is widespread controversy concerning the plan of the Society of American Archivists for the certification of archivists by petition and examination as published in the August 1986 SAA Newsletter with a follow-up report published in the January 1988 SAA Newsletter. The Kansas City Area Archivists resolved unanimously on September 3, 1987 that the SAA reconsider its decision to certify individuals as archivists. The Kansas City resolution (published in the Winter 1988 *mid-atlantic archivist*) suggests that the SAA should certify repositories and courses in archival administration rather than individuals. Other regional archival organizations have also taken action on this matter. For example, the Society of Alabama Archivists has unanimously resolved to oppose certification and wrote to SAA stating its objections. In addition, the Society of Ohio Archivists has published two articles in its newsletter on certification and is polling its membership on this issue. The Mid-West Archives Conference (MAC) is also in the process of polling its members. MARAC's New Jersey Caucus is holding a meeting to discuss the matter further and propose a resolution. MARAC's Spring program includes a session "Certification For Archivists: Where We Stand". The editor of the *maa* invites substantive letters to be published in the summer issue.

ON TO ALLENTOWN, APRIL 28-30

The Lehigh Valley of Pennsylvania is ready and waiting to welcome MARAC members and guests when the Spring Meeting convenes in Allentown, April 28-30. Thursday will be devoted to pre-conference workshops and special tours of the Valley. The program proper will run all day Friday, with twelve sessions, a luncheon, plenary session, and state caucus meetings. Saturday's schedule will consist of a breakfast/business meeting and eight more sessions, ending at 1:00 pm.

Highlights will include the plenary address by Don W. Wilson, Archivist of the United States, and the luncheon address by Brent D.

Glass, Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. On Friday evening Allentown's new trolley will transport members and guests to the city's art museum for the traditional MARAC reception.

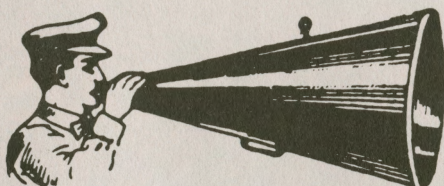
The conference hotel is the Allentown Hilton, 904 Hamilton Mall, Allentown, PA, 18101 (215) 433-2221; 800-HIL-TONS for reservations. Inquiries regarding the Spring Meeting should be directed to Diane Windham Shaw, David Bishop Skillman Library, Lafayette College, Easton, PA, 18042 (215)250-5148.



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NEWS NOTES



DR. KING'S WIDOW SUES BOSTON U. FOR RETURN OF HIS DOCUMENTS

The widow of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. has filed a lawsuit demanding that Boston University be required to return a collection of the civil rights leader's letters, manuscripts and other papers that has been the crown jewel of the University's vast collection of personal archives.

Four years before he was slain in 1968, Dr. King deposited his papers at the university, where he received a doctorate in theology. Since then, they have been the centerpiece of a major effort at the university to collect the personal papers of 20th century figures, with some 1,400 now in the collection.

But the suit, filed in the name of Coretta Scott King, said the papers belonged to the King estate, not to the university. Mrs. King has also accused the university of failing to provide adequate care for the collection, which her suit maintains has suffered irreparable losses and deterioration.

Mrs. King, in a written statement, said her husband had intended that his archives be permanently housed in the South. She has proposed that the documents be kept at the King Center for Nonviolent Social Change in Atlanta, where a majority of the King collection is already stored.

Boston University has refused Mrs. King's request, contending that Dr. King intended to keep his papers at the university permanently. The university has based its assertion on a letter signed by Dr. King in 1964, in which he said the papers would become the "absolute property" of the university upon his death.

NHPRC GRANTS IN MARAC REGION

International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Washington, DC: a grant to establish an archival program for the union. Activities to be undertaken include a records survey of the Washington, DC, headquarters and selected area councils, joint councils, and locals, and development of a comprehensive plan for the archives program.

National Association of Government Archives and Records Administrators, Albany, New York: A grant to develop an archival preservation planning tool for use in state and local government archives and other archival institutions. Products to be created include self-survey materials for repositories and a preservation planning resource notebook.

American Institute of Physics, New York, New York: a grant to support a two-year project to

analyze records created by multi-institutional teams doing research in physics, identify and test alternative approaches to preserving historically significant team research records, and develop policy recommendations and programs to deal with the present and future documentation of these teams and their work. The project is being jointly funded with the National Science Foundation.

City of Wilmington, Wilmington, Delaware: a grant to develop a systematic approach to the maintenance and protection of the city's records.

The next application deadline is June 1, 1988. The Records Program application guidelines brochure is available from Records Program, NHPRC-NPR, National Archives Building, Washington, DC 20408 (202)523-5386.



J. WALTER THOMPSON ARCHIVES

J. Walter Thompson Company closed its Archives Department in November 1987 as a direct result of the hostile takeover of the Company in July and subsequent client turmoil and cost-cutting edicts. The Company's current management and owner agreed to donate the entire archives to a suitable manuscript repository and selected Duke University. The Company's foundation has provided funding for the first two years of work on this sizeable undertaking Duke has assumed.

The Thompson archives includes at least 1½ million advertisements created by the Company and another 1½ million created by competitors, the bulk dating from 1914 to the present. Textual records contain information about the international expansion of the Company in the 1920's, its significant market research efforts beginning in 1915, minutes books and board committee background materials from 1896 to 1985, senior executives' records up to the 1980's, scripts of all the radio and early television programs produced by the Company, speeches and writings, newsletters and publications from around the world, and personnel files from 1914 to 1975. The archives also contains photographs, slides, audio and videotapes, and artifacts.

The donation also includes all the inquiries the department had received during its eight years of operation, its office files, including correspondence, handouts, histories, exhibits, presentations, accession logs, finding aids, some of which are on computer disks, indices, and shelf list.

Anyone wishing further information about the archives should contact Robert L. Byrd, Curator of Manuscripts, William R. Perkins Library, Duke University, Durham, NC 27706. Anyone desirous of additional information or the archivist's thoughts about the demise of this institutional archives may contact Cynthia Swank, 106 W. Tulpehocken St., Philadelphia, PA 19144, or phone (215)849-6187.

STATE AND LOCAL NEWS

DELAWARE

The Delaware House of Representatives passed S.B. 283, Public Records Law, by 40-0, on January 28th. The new law, developed as part of the State Archives' NHPRC-supported local records project, modernizes and makes more explicit many provisions previously scattered in statutes and executive orders. Among the notable features are: definition of terms, the right to replevin, establishment of state and local records commissions, and a penalty provision for non-compliance. Contact C. Russell McCabe, Local Records Coordinator, Hall of Records, Dover, DE 19901 (302) 736-5318.

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The Planning and Data Administration Division of the State Office of Information Systems has agreed to fund the first stage of a Machine Readable Records

Appraisal Planning Project. The project will begin in May with the visit of Kentucky State Archives representatives to Delaware to discuss their NHPRC-supported project. The meeting will include Delaware information systems, archives, and other agency representatives. Contact Roy H. Tryon, State Archivist and Records Administrator, Hall of Records, Dover, DE 19901 (302) 736-5318.

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The Bureau of Archives and Records Management has just completed work on a security microfilm/computer records storage room in the State Records Center. It has temperature/humidity controls and a Halon fire protection system for the state's more than 60,000 rolls of microfilm and backup computer tapes, disks, and diskettes from state agencies. For details, contact Roy H. Tryon.

PENNSYLVANIA

BLOOMSBURG RECEIVES REVOLUTIONARY WAR DIARIES

A four-volume set of diaries detailing a Hessian Officer's exploits during the American Revolutionary War has been donated to Bloomsburg University by Joseph P. Tustin, a Bloomsburg native who attended Bloomsburg State Normal School in 1915 and died in December 1986. He was in the U.S. Navy in World War I and served as Air Force historian in World War II. He purchased three of the four original volumes in Austria in 1948. It was 10 years later before he was able to obtain a photocopy of the fourth volume from a German prince.

The diary, handwritten in neat, faded German script, were kept from 1776 to 1784 by Capt. Johann Von Ewald, who commanded a company of light infantry on the side of the British. The three original books are bound in calfskin and contain 25 hand-drawn maps.

The diary is particularly noteworthy because Ewald wrote clearly and objectively about the events on the

same day or soon after they occurred. It also represents a chronicle of the entire war, where most chronicles recently available recount only three to six-month segments of history.

Tustin's translation of the diaries was published as *Diary of The American War* by Yale University Press.

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The profits of victory. The losses of defeat. Discover each at "Spoils of War, Running the Blockade During the Civil War," an exhibit at the **Philadelphia Branch of the National Archives**. The exhibit, which runs through July, 1988, features an eight-foot model of the *Wabash*, as well as Enfield and Whitworth rifles, Naval carbines and short swords. Also on display will be diaries, personal letters and the illustrations of Dr. Charles Stedman, the only continuous eyewitness account of the Naval war effort. For viewing information call (215)597-3000.

NEW YORK

NEDCC TO DEVELOP PILOT DISASTER PLANNING PROGRAM

The Northeast Document Conservation Center (NEDCC) has been hired by the Conservation/Preservation Program of the New York State Library to develop a pilot disaster planning and recovery project for four of the New York Regional Library Councils: Long Island, Metro, North Country, and Central New York. The program will provide training in disaster planning and recovery techniques for library and archival materials. It will include evaluation of cooperative strategies and services available in the target regions, and an assessment of the effectiveness of the planning program in meeting its goals. The final goal is the extension of training, resource networks, and full disaster preparedness throughout New York State.

The program will be initiated by two comprehensive 2-day workshops for professionals in libraries, historical agencies, and records offices. The workshops will cover all aspects of disaster planning and recovery techniques. Topics will include disaster prevention (surveying and automatic protection devices); training a disaster team; identifying priorities for salvage; and evaluating options for salvage and conservation treatment. Participants will leave the workshop with guidelines they will use to write disaster plans tailored to their own institutions. These guidelines will be available to all New York institutions.

Workshops will be held on April 18-19 at the Borough of Manhattan Community College and on April 21-22 at the State University of New York at Oswego. For additional information or an application for workshop participation contact Roxane McPeters, 10-C-47 Cultural Education Center, Division of Library Development, New York State Library, Albany, New York 12230.

NEW YORK

The Papers of Charlotte Friend, Ph.D. have been placed in the Archives of the Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York. Dr. Friend, a noted cancer researcher, died in January 1987, while on the staff of Mount Sinai.

The collection, 1939-1987, consists of correspondence, internal memoranda, speeches, clippings, reprints and awards documenting her work and outside professional activities, including files on her work with the National Cancer Institute, the National Academy of Science and the National Institute of Health. The correspondence with other scientists is particularly rich. There are also personal correspondence and files that provide glimpses into her personality and life.

For more information, please contact Barbara J. Niss, Archivist, Mount Sinai Medical Center, Box 1013, 1 Levy Place, New York, NY 10029.

A new home for the **New York Philharmonic's archives** is under construction and should be ready by 1990. The archives is currently stored on the basement of Avery Fisher Hall at Lincoln Center. The Philharmonic's 150th anniversary season will take place in 1992-93.

New England Archives Week

The New England Archivists is sponsoring New England Archives Week, May 28-June 4, 1988. First held in 1986, the Week offers an opportunity for archivists to celebrate their role in documenting New England's heritage through the press, open houses and other public activities. For more information, please contact Julie P. Cox, Archives Week Coordinator, 520 Elm Street, Montpelier, VT 05602

STATE ARCHIVES RECEIVES FEDERAL GRANT TO MICROFILM ENDANGERED RECORDS

The NY State Archives has received a grant of nearly \$200,000 from the National Endowment for the Humanities to arrange, describe, and microfilm over 600 cubic feet of records that document New York's settlement and development. Most of the records date from 1760 to 1860, a period of rapid westward movement, population increase, and commercial expansion that transformed New York. Many of these records are in such fragile and deteriorated condition that they cannot be used by researchers. This project will make it possible to substitute film copies for the original records, and will also assist research by assuring that the film will be widely available via interlibrary loan and purchase. Included in the microfilming project

are canal, court, and land records. Fairly extensive preservation work must be carried out to prepare some of the records for filming. This work includes disbinding bound documents, cleaning, unfolding and flattening, and making minor repairs. The records will be arranged, and written descriptions will be prepared. Finally, information on the records will be entered into a national data base to ensure that researchers know about the records and the availability of the film copies.

The grant project work is expected to take two and one half years to complete.

More information about the records and the project is available from Tom Mills or Christine Ward at the State Archives (518)474-1195.



NY STATE ARCHIVES AWARDS FOUR RESEARCH RESIDENCIES

State Archivist and Records Administrator **Larry J. Hackman** has announced that the Archives has granted four Research Residency Awards for advanced research utilizing its holdings. The Research Residencies program is intended to support advanced research about New York State history and public policy.

Ellen Dwyer, Indiana University, will conduct research on the social history of epilepsy during the post-1870 period, using records from the Office of Mental Health and the Commission to Investigate Provision for the Mentally Deficient.

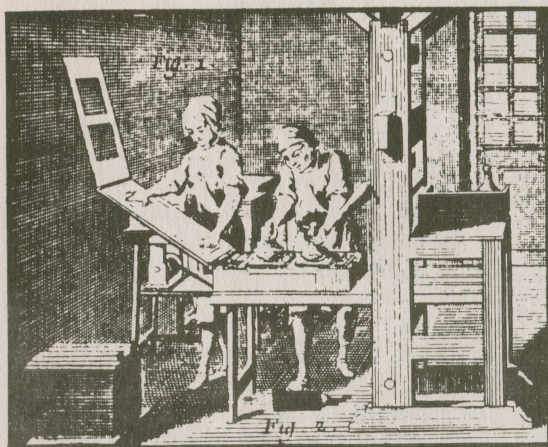
Frederick J. Stefon, Pennsylvania State University, will receive funding for work on a study of the Thomas Indian School. The School was a refuge that educated and cared for orphaned Native American children. It was operated by the New York State Department of Social Welfare between 1875 and 1957. He will utilize records of that Department.

Anita Rapone, State University of New York at Plattsburg, will receive funding for a preliminary review of records regarding female clerical workers in Albany during the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Earlier awards were made to **Paul Finkleman**, SUNY at Binghamton, to conduct research for two projected books about the Afro-American experience in New York, and to **Ruth M. Alexander**, Cornell University, for work on her dissertation on the treatment of women in New York prisons.

Any application utilizing the Archives' holdings is eligible for consideration in the Research Residencies program. All applications are reviewed by a selection committee comprised of several State Archives staff members and historians from other educational and historical institutions. Preference is given to research that has application to enduring public policy issues, particularly in New York State, and to projects that are likely to result in publication. Research using either underutilized records or those that have been recently made available for the first time will also be given preference.

For more information, contact Larry Hackman at (518) 474-1195.



PRESERVATION NEWS

The new, state-of-the-art Goldsmith-Perry Preservation Laboratory at the New York Public Library was constructed and equipped with the help of a gift from the foundation, established by author Barbara Goldsmith and film-maker Frank Perry. The Laboratory will preserve books, newspapers and maps on microfilm at the rate of 2 million frames a year. Most of these materials are in danger of disintegration due in part to the high acid content of mass-produced paper. Further support of the laboratory and microfilming program has also been received from the Charles E. Culpeper Foundation.

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The National Archives of Canada has established a Conservation Branch combining conservation, preservation and restoration activities. Preservation treatments that ensure the longevity of historic paper records, encapsulation, and other forms of protective treatments, will be used to reduce the need for future conservation treatments. The branch will also be responsible for conservation research and has a number of projects already underway, such as the strengthening of paper records, the analysis of paper records to assess the effect of deacidification, and the conservation of photographic items. The Conservation Branch also has the responsibility for establishing a Comprehensive Conservation Program for the National Archives and will advise the responsible government officials about materials to be used when documents are created.

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"It is a terrifying thought, that the historical record of America as it became a great, complex, continental, multi-ethnic industrialized society is seriously jeopardized simply because we do not pay any attention to the fact that it is not dramatically falling apart but only slowly disintegrating."

James H. Billington, Librarian of Congress, September 14, 1987.

The Documentary Heritage Trust of the United States was conceived early in 1987 when representatives of major archival and historical organizations met in Washington to discuss the concept of an umbrella organization that could educate the public at large about the problems that we face in the preservation of our documentary heritage and provide a means through which citizens could assist professional preservation efforts throughout the country.

The National Historical Publication and Records Commission (NHPRC) provided the funding for the initial sponsor of the project, the Association for Documentary Editing, to lay the groundwork for the Trust, which is the first national, private nonprofit initiative devoted to preserving America's documentary heritage. Its goal is to link professional agencies and the private sector in a coordinated effort to save the country's records, and thus to make a lasting contribution to the preservation of the nation's past. With the cooperation and advice of conservation and preservation experts, archivists, librarians, historians, and many others, the

Trust can become a powerful voice to carry the documentary heritage message to the American people and to enlist their support for this vital national endeavor. For more information about the Documentary Heritage Trust, contact Angeline Polities, Executive Director, 230 Regester Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21212; (301) 377-0985.

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In December, 23 representatives from state, regional and national programs met in Atlanta for the 3rd annual Cooperative Preservation Programs Group conference.

Major topics of discussion included the consultant's survey and report, the evaluation and effectiveness of basic workshops, intensive small group training, and the development of preservation service centers. These meetings provide a means for information sharing between newly established state and regional programs and those involved in national cooperative efforts. (Abridged from a report by Evelyn Frangakis, CCAHA)

THE ARLINE CUSTER MEMORIAL AWARD

The Arline Custer Memorial Award Committee is seeking submissions and/or nominations of published articles or monographs on subjects relevant to the archival profession. Entries must be received by June 30, 1988, for consideration for this year's award (\$100 and a certificate), which will be presented at the fall MARAC meeting. Submissions or nominations should be sent to the Chair, Fynnette L. Eaton, Machine-readable Branch (NNSR), National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, D.C. 20408.

CURRENT READING

The Commission on Preservation and Access, chaired by Patricia Battin, issued its first newsletter in February. It describes the activities of the Commission as well as reports on the study of the costs of preservation undertaken for the Council on Library Resources by Robert M. Hayes and a day-long meeting in October on the preservation of scientific and technical literature. To be placed on the mailing list for the newsletter and other information about the activities of the Commission, contact Peter Winterble, Commission on Preservation And Access, 1785 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20036.

Just received: *"The Book and Paper Annual"*, vol. 6, 1987, edited by Robert Espinosa and published by the Book and Paper Group, American Institute for Conservation. Although the publication is intended to provide an informal means of communication for its membership and is not referred, it contains information of considerable interest to archivists, including: "Comments on the Measurement of 'Yellowness' in Pulp and Paper" by Robert L. Feller; "Better Storage on a Shoestring," by John Hartman; "Report on the Committee on Curatorial Issues Raised by Conservation," by Cathy Henderson; "The Design of a Collapsible Humidification Chamber," by Holly Maxson; "Small, Not Insignificant: A Specification for a Conservation Binding Structure," by Randy Silverman. It concludes with a word on post-it notes by Deborah Evetts informing those who do not already know that these little stick-ums leave behind a residue of adhesive that will attract dirt and cause books or paper to stick together in storage. "Post-it notes are a great convenience but—as with Scotch-tape—we will wish we had not used them when the damage they cause begins to show up!"

The volume is available for \$15 from the American Institute for

Conservation, 3545 Williamsburg Lane, N.W., Washington, DC 20008.

"Library Preservation in 1986: an Annotated Bibliography," by Carla Montori, Library Resources and Technical Services, 31:4 (Oct.-Dec. 1987), pp. 365-385, provides a brief essay summarizing the trends in the preservation of library materials in 1986 and includes a topically arranged annotated bibliography of some of the books and articles published in 1986.

Cathy Henderson (see above) describes the concerns of the American Library Association's Rare Books and Manuscripts Section Committee on Curatorial Issues Raised by Conservation in Rare Books & Manuscripts Librarianship, 2:2 (Fall 1987), in "Curator or Conservator: Who Decides on What Treatment," 103-107. As the need for the education of curators has become evident, a Discussion Group has been formed within the section "to add to the body of information on curator and conservator working relations and to encourage the education of curators and conservators about each other's professions."

Sandra Nyberg of the SOLINET Preservation Program has written an excellent 19 page pamphlet, *The Invasion of the Giant Spore*, on mold, mildew, fungi and their prevention, treatment and cure. To receive it, write for Preservation Leaflet No. 5, to SOLINET Preservation Program, 1201 Peachtree Street, S.E., Plaza Level, 400 Colony Square, Atlanta, GA 30361.

"A Clarification of Specifications for Archival Paper," by Chandru J. Shahani and Robert E. McComb, Tappi Journal, 90:9 (Sept. 1987), p. 128, demonstrates that alkaline sized and coated paper loses fold endurance as a result of aging much faster than tear resistance or tensile strength, which may be a more significant test of permanence in coated papers. [ANL abstract]

Ellen McCrady is now issuing a new newsletter, *Alkaline Paper Advocate*, to provide a forum for producers and consumers of alkaline paper, "who now find communication difficult because of the complexity of the marketplace." There will be at least four issues published in 1988, with at least 50 pages of information. Vol. 1, no. 1, (Jan. 1988) contains a discussion of government standards on paper, a note on "Alkaline and Neutral Copy Paper," and a list of neutral and alkaline paper available in Salt Lake City. There are the usual relevant notes on events and literature. Personal subscriptions are \$25. The institutional rate will be the same if invoices can be addressed directly to the recipient of the *Advocate*, and if the institution will put the invoice or other identifying information on its checks or papers that accompany them. Otherwise the institutional rate is \$40. checks should be made out to Abbey Publications and sent to 320 East Center Street, Provo, UT 84601.

Microform Review, 16:2 (Spring 1987), contains two articles of particular interest to archivists. Mary Margaret Bell describes the efforts undertaken by institutions in Kentucky to preserve local history: newspapers, court records, land office records, public records and the like, in "Preserving Local History in Kentucky through Micro forms," pp. 126-129. Paul H. McCarthy and R. Bruce Parham describe the preservation of a rare photograph collection reflecting the history of Alaska through the use of photofiching techniques, in "photomicrofiche: a Conservation and Research Tool," pp. 118-125.

Current Reading (Con't)

Preservation Microfilming: a Guide for Librarians and Archivists, edited by Nancy E. Gwynn and published by the American Library Association, is the long-awaited manual prepared by the Northeast Document Conservation Center with the co-sponsorship of the Association of Research Libraries, with funding from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and the NHPRC. The informative chapters, that cover everything that any of us might want to know about the subject, were prepared by the leading practitioners. The introduction provides the historical context and the first chapter an overview of administrative decisions. Each of the following chapters explores a phase of preservation microfilming in depth. The appendices include citations for published standards and specifications, a sample contract for preservation microfilming services, a glossary of terms and a list of institutions and organizations that can provide both advice and expertise. Its only drawback is its hefty \$40 price for its 212 pages in paperback, but the sound advice that it provides will save an institution embarking on a preservation microfilming program that cost many times over.

Order from the Publishing Service Order Department, American Library Association, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago, IL 60611. (ISBN 0-8389-0481-5; LC 87-10020)

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Sherry Byrne, a contributor to *Preservation Microfilming*, outlines the process for selecting an outside filming agent for preservation microfilming in "Guidelines for Contracting Microfilming Services," *Microform Review*, 15:4 (Fall 1986), 253-264. The article provides sound advice and a sample contract.

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The Center for Occupational Hazards has changed its name to the Center for Safety in the Arts (CSA) to more clearly reflect its scope. Its address remains the same; 5 Beekman Street, New York, NY 10038.

PRESERVATION CALENDAR

April 21-23: New Haven, CT.

Conference of Preservation Microfilming, to be held at Yale University Library, sponsored by the Resources and Technical Services Division, American Library Association. Contact: Ann Menendez, RTSD Division, American Library Association, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago, IL 60611.

April 21: Princeton, NJ.

"Disaster Preparedness and Recovery," spring dinner meeting of the Special Libraries Association, Princeton/Trenton Group. Speakers: Evelyn Frangakis, Conservation Center for Art & Historic Artifacts and Karl Niederer, New Jersey State Archives. Contact: Susan Swartzburg, Rutgers University Library, New Brunswick, NJ 08903.

May 10-1: Ottawa, Canada.

"Conservation in Archives: Current Dimensions and Future Developments," a symposium sponsored by the National Archives of Canada for conservation managers and heads of conservation laboratories. Topics to be covered are parchment, paper, photographic records, magnetic media, standards, future automated technologies and management. Contact: International Conservation Symposium, P.O. Box 3162, Station D, Ottawa, Ontario K1P 6H7.

May 11: Atlantic City, NJ.

"Preservation of Local History Collections," Preservation Section program, New Jersey Library Association Annual conference. Contact: New Jersey Library Association, P.O. Box 1534, Trenton, NJ 08698.

—Susan Garretson Swartzburg

PEOPLE

Susan Davis, former Curator of Manuscripts at the New York Public Library, is relocating to Madison, Wisconsin.

Bob Sink, Archivist/Records Manager at NYPL is serving as Acting Curator of Manuscripts.

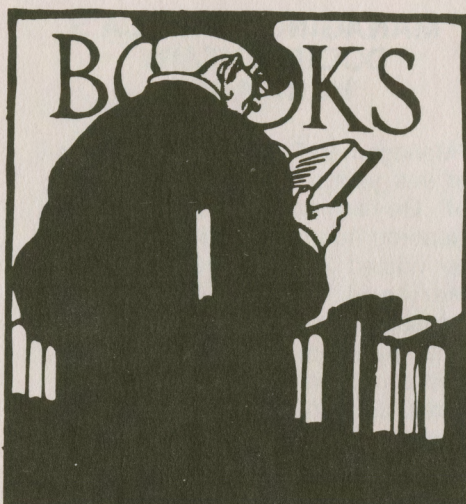
MARAC Treasurer **Gregory S. Hunter**, has been awarded the designation of "Certified Records Manager" by the Institute of Certified Records Managers.

Carol M. Spawn has been promoted to librarian of the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia, PA where she has served as manuscripts and archives librarian since 1978.

MARAC members **Linda J. Henry** and **H. Thomas Hickerson** have been named Fellows of the Society of American Archivists.

Frank E. Bridgers, who worked at the Central Reference Division of the National Archives, 1935-1965, has died. Since his retirement, he resided in Laurel, Mississippi.

Jim Byers has been appointed Chief, General Archives Review Branch of the Declassification Division. He has been the chief of the Reference Services Branch of the Central Information Division since 1982.



REFERENCE SHELF

DIRECTORY OF JEWISH ARCHIVAL COLLECTIONS TO BE PUBLISHED

The National Foundation for Jewish Culture is conducting a survey of Jewish manuscript and archival collections in the United States and Canada. The results will be published in 1988 in *A Directory of Jewish Archival Collections and Inventories*. Edited by Roger Kohn, Archivist of Yeshiva University, New York, and Steven Siegel, Archivist of the 92nd Street Young Men's and Young Women's Hebrew Association, New York, the *Directory* will provide access to published and unpublished inventories of collections documenting Jewish life, persons, and organizations in North America.

Questionnaires have been sent to over two hundred repositories known to hold Jewish archival materials. In order to make this survey as complete as possible, archivists and manuscript curators who have not been contacted and who have relevant materials in their repositories are urged to obtain a questionnaire from Andrea A. Morgan, Program Officer, National Foundation for Jewish Culture, 330 Seventh Avenue, 21st Floor, New York, NY 10001; (212) 629-0500. Specific questions about the survey and publication should be directed to Roger Kohn at (212)960-5451 or Steven Siegel at (212)427-6000, x 215.

GUIDE TO THE ARCHIVES OF THE PEABODY INSTITUTE PUBLISHED

The newly-published *Guide to the Archives of the Peabody Institute*, describing the Archives' collection of historical records, marks the culmination of a two-year project funded by the National Historical Publications and Records Commission. The grant made it possible for the Peabody to organize its records from its founding in 1857 through 1977 (when it affiliated with The Johns Hopkins University).

The *Guide* contains a brief history of the Institute and its four original components: The Conservatory of Music, the Library, Art Gallery and Lecture Series. Appendices include an institutional timeline, a listing of the officers of the Board of Trustees and chief administrative staff with their years of service, as well as a complete listing of all those who took part in the Institute's scholarly lectures. Copies can be obtained for a \$5 handling fee by writing to the Archives of the Peabody Institute, 1 E. Mt. Vernon Place, Baltimore, Maryland 21202.

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The December 21, 1987 issue of the Wall Street Journal features an article "In Wake of Cost Cuts, Many Firms Sweep History Out the Door" by Frederick Rose. The article discusses the closing of corporate archives and the danger of losing an enormous part of the heritage of the American company.

The Mid-Atlantic Preservation Service (MAPS) has published its Technical Issue #3 "The Application of Archival Role Standards to the Production of Microfiche." It appears in *MAPS Newsletter* v.1, no. 3 (Fall 1987) and is available from MAPS, Lehigh University Mountaintop Campus, 118 Research Dr., Building J, Room 120, Bethlehem, PA 18015 (215)758-5390.

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The Meany Archives is planning to publish *Labor's Heritage*, a quarterly journal modeled on the National Archives' *Prologue*. It will focus on labor history, manuscript collections, and exhibits; articles will be accompanied by photographs, graphics, facsimile reproductions, and other enhancements for the general reader. Articles can be of whatever length is appropriate to the subject.

For further information, please contact Stuart Kaufman, George Meany Archives, 10000 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring, Maryland 20903, (301)431-6400.

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NEDCC PLANS A SEMINAR ON APPRAISAL AND CONSERVATION OF HISTORICAL RECORDS

The Northeast Document Conservation Center (NEDCC) will conduct a one-day seminar entitled "Appraisal and Conservation of Historical Records" on May 13, 1988. The seminar will take place at the Connecticut Historical Society in Hartford, Connecticut. The program is planned to meet the needs of many organizations, alarmed about the crumbling condition of records in their collections, that seek information on preservation. The first step in the preservation planning process is the establishment of intellectual control of the collection, including the inventory and appraisal of the holdings.

Using an interdisciplinary approach the program will draw together the points of view of archivists and conservators. The seminar will provide information about basic procedures of organization and appraising records, and about preventive preservation of documentary collections. The seminar should enable participants (1) to establish collection policies and to inventory collections of records; (2) to prolong the life of collections through improved methods of storage and handling; and (3) to set priorities for the use of professional conservation resources, including the use of microforms for the preservation of information.

Enrollment for the workshop will be limited. For additional information contact Gay Tracy, Northeast Document Conservation Center, 24 School Street, Andover, MA 01810 (617)470-1010.

NATIONAL ARCHIVES OFFERS RESEARCH COURSE

"Going to the Source: An Introduction to Research in Archives," the National Archives' four-day course in the research uses of primary sources, will be given May 24-27, 1988, in the National Archives Building, Washington, D.C.

Sessions will deal with locating and gaining access to primary sources in any archives or manuscript collection, with the printed aids available that describe records, and with the process of research in archival institutions including the National Archives. This year's offering will also include a session on the researcher and automated systems. Workshops will provide experience with documents, microfilm and finding aids. The schedule is arranged to provide at least one afternoon for independent research.

Enrollment is limited. The cost, including all materials, is \$85. To register or for general information, write or call Elsie Freeman, Chief, NARA Education Branch, Washington, DC 20408. Telephone (202)523-3298.

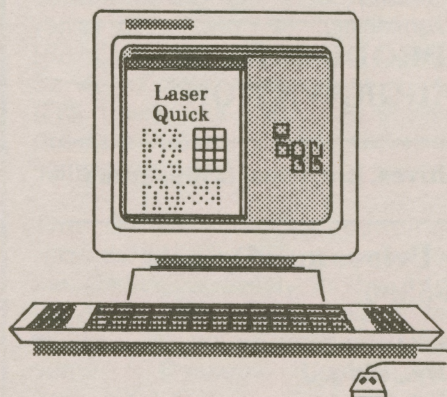
"MANAGING AMERICA'S DOCUMENTARY HERITAGE"

"Management" will be the theme of this year's National Association of Government Archives and Records Administrators meeting, to be hosted on July 20-23 by the Maryland State Archives in Annapolis.

The program begins with two workshops—one on management techniques, in conjunction with the Society of American Archivists, and the other on local government records in conjunction with the National Information Center for Local Government Records, American Association for State and Local History. There are sessions on information clearinghouses, cooperative appraisal, program reporting, automation, computer-generated records, techniques for working with elected officials, records creators, and records users, disaster planning, and several other topics. The program's sessions are designed to appeal to local, state, and federal records personnel.

Don Wilson, Archivist of the United States, will give the keynote address. He will discuss his plans for the National Archives and Records Administration and for working with the nation's government records community.

For further information, please contact Bruce Dearstyne, New York State Archives, Cultural Education Center, Room 10A75, Albany, NY 12230 or phone (518)473-8037.



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The Society for History in the Federal Government will hold its annual meeting on April 28, 1988, in the Madison Building, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.. For additional information, please write the Society in care of Post Office Box 14139, Benjamin Franklin Station, Washington, D.C. 20044.

MARAC STEERING COMMITTEE

Washington, D.C.
5 February 1988

Attending: Denis Sennett S.A., Paul Hensley, Diane Shaw, Robert Coley, Lauren Brown, Ronald Becker, Greg Hunter, Diana Lachatanere, Rebecca Ebert, Donald Harrison, Tom Wilsted, Fred Stielow, Karen Paul, Maxine Lurie, David Carmichael, Karl Niederer.

New Jersey	42
New York	188
Other	36
Pennsylvania	144
Virginia	81
West Virginia	11

Total: 769

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Denis Sennett S.A., Secretary, presented the Steering Committee with corrected copies of the last minutes which were approved.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

Karen Paul announced the following items:

1. A letter supporting the nomination of Don Wilson as Archivist of the United States was sent and entered in the records of the confirmation hearings.
2. The first resolution concerning the Virginia State Library received only bland responses.
3. National Coordinating Committee meeting.
4. Susan Davis has resigned as Chair of the Education Committee. Bob Sink has been appointed to replace her.
5. Other committee appointments will be made soon.

VICE CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

In the absence of Martha Slotten, Karen Paul reported on the following meeting sites:

Allentown PA, Hilton, April 28-30, 1988
 Diane Shaw, Local Arrangements Chair
 Bob Coley, Program Chair
 Don Wilson, Plenary Speaker
 Williamsburg Virginia, Fort Magruder Conference Center, Nov. 3-5, 1988
 Eileen Parris, Local Arrangements Chair
 Waverly Winfree, Program Chair
 Frank Burke, Plenary Speaker
 Jodi Koste, Meetings Coordinator;
 Bus service to historic district
 Albany, NY Hilton, May 4-6, 1989
 James Corsaro, Local Arrangements Chair
 Roy Tryon, Program Chair
 Mimi Bowling, mMeetings Coordinator
 Philadelphia, Fall 1989
 Fred Miller, Local Arrangements Chair
 Mark Lloyd, Program Chair
 Karl Niederer, Meeting Coordinator

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Denis Sennett S.A. distributed the newly assembled notebooks with complete documentation for Steering Committee members. Karen Paul thanked Denis for his work on this project.

Denis reported that at the present time there are 769 members:

District of Columbia	175
Delaware	10
Maryland	82

Denis Sennett S.A., moved that in the future all motions and resolutions presented by the membership, be in writing and turned in to the Secretary by the person originating the motion, at the time of or prior to making it. Passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Discussion was held on the budget and the policy regarding endowments.

Greg Hunter then presented the committee with a study of the cost and income figures for the past 10 meetings. After discussion on this report, it was suggested that the Meetings Coordinating Committee should study this and make some recommendations regarding income and costs.

It was then recommended that Greg design a form to be used by the Meetings Committees, which would standardize the recording of the finances.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE:

Ervin L. Jordan, Chair, presented the Steering Committee with some areas to be addressed in order to make work easier and to correct difficulties which have arisen.

STATE CAUCUSES:

Rebecca Ebert has been named to prepare policy and operational guidelines for the state caucuses.

AT-LARGE REPRESENTATIVES:

Diana Lachatanare was asked to prepare some guidelines for the at-large members.

LIAISON POLICY:

RESOLUTION: Moved, seconded and passed, "That Liaisons from MARAC to other professional organizations, which have requested the same, be made by the incoming Chairperson and will be in effect for 2 years. That these appointments be recorded in the Steering Committee minutes and that the persons who are liaisons with other organizations submit in writing an annual report (at the time of the fall meeting) to the Steering Committee.

Karen Paul announced the appointment of Elsalyn Drucker as MARAC's representative to the Inter-agency Council on Nursing.

MARAC STEERING COMMITTEE (con't)

LOGO:

The Committee on the Logo presented several suggestions and after much discussion, it was moved by Paul Hensley and seconded by Fred Stielow, that the octagon shape with the 8 states in the center be accepted as the official logo.

The lettering in front of the Logo was under further discussion and will be continued at the next Steering Committee meeting. However, in the meantime, the "*mid-atlantic archivist*" and the new directory will carry the new logo.

NEW JERSEY

HISTORICAL SOCIETY:

Karl Niederer moved the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Historical Society suffers from a severe and chronic fiscal crisis that will exhaust its endowment before the end of 1988, and

WHEREAS, the depletion of the said endowment may cause the New Jersey Historical Society to cease operations, and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Historical Society possesses one of the major research collections of books, manuscripts and archives pertaining to the history of the colony and State of New Jersey, and

WHEREAS, the Director of the New Jersey Historical Society has publicly announced that the said collections will be dispersed at the cessation of the Society's operations, to the detriment of historical and genealogical research, and

WHEREAS, we, the archivists employed within the mid-Atlantic region, are greatly concerned about preserving the integrity of the said collections, and assuring public access thereto,

NOW, THEREFORE, we the members of the Steering Committee of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference do hereby resolve to call upon New Jersey Governor Thomas H. Kean, Secretary of State Jane Burgio, and all elected and appointed officials of the State of New Jersey to take all necessary steps to prevent the dispersal of the said collections and the loss of the State's historical patrimony.

Passed.

AWARDS:

Discussion was held on certificates of awards.

Next Meeting:

Allentown, PA. Hilton
28 April 1988 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Denis Sennett S.A.
Secretary

LETTERS

Congratulations. You have been elected an officer of an archival professional organization. Your willingness to even run for this office says that you already have one of the basic pre-requisites for success: a tendency towards insanity. For the course of an officer's life ne'er did run smooth, and for every pat on the back, there are two kicks in the pants.

The hand and the, uhmm, behind, are actually very important features of an officer's anatomy. Witness the hand, that of it's own volition rises to volunteer—program ideas, committee duty, buying supplies, providing a meeting site. Who taught your hand to sabotage you like that?

If the answer is: If I didn't do it, no one else would, well, maybe that means no one really cares and it shouldn't get done! The only ones who thank you for these things are the other fools who made the mistake of volunteering. What do they know?

As for the other end, well, it's value becomes apparent during the second hour of the program planning sessions. You have never heard such bad ideas in your life. But, on the other hand, since it's the same tired group that came to the last three meetings, those ideas are beginning to sound appealing. What is so bad about an hour presentation on how an institution coped with it's mouse infestation problem by slathering peanut butter on traps?

This points directly to the other value of a strong backside: sitting through the sessions you often cannot believe you helped plan.

But, let's not paint too gloomy a picture. Officership has it's good points: people learn to recognize you. Well, maybe that's not such a plus. But, you never feel lonely, your phone rings constantly as duties are parcelled out, complaints are registered, and the Secretary tries to remember who said they would do what when. You can even get on a national mailing list, from which your name will not be removed until years after your tenure is over. But, most importantly, you get the experience of working closely with people whose interests are similar to your own, i.e. they were also insane enough to run for office.

So, the question must be: Why bother? It's easy, if we didn't do it, who would? And someone, somewhere would notice.

Barbara J. Niss

**MID-ATLANTIC REGIONAL ARCHIVES CONFERENCE
TREASURER'S REPORT, 1987/88 FISCAL YEAR
THIRD QUARTER (INTERIM) - DECEMBER 31, 1987 TO JANUARY 31, 1988**

Item	Budget	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Total	Budget %
Income							
Membership Dues	9,000.00	818.00	6,260.00	1,133.50	0.00	8,221.50	91.24
Publication Sales	250.00	29.50	2.50	3.00	0.00	35.00	14.00
T-Shirt Sales	25.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
MAA Advertising	500.00	100.00	150.00	0.00	0.00	250.00	50.00
Bank Interest & Credits	800.00	103.36	139.29	694.00	0.00	936.65	117.08
Conferences	5,000.00	5,334.87	0.00	1,335.24	0.00	6,670.11	133.40
Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.00	0.00	10.00	ERR
sale of Mailing List	0.00	40.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	40.00	ERR
	15,575.00	6,425.73	6,551.79	3,175.74	0.00	16,153.26	103.71
Expenses							
Admin. & General	850.00	74.14	0.00	180.83	0.00	254.97	30.00
Membership	1,710.00	206.80	492.67	216.47	0.00	915.94	53.56
Committees	2,850.00	828.40	0.00	90.15	0.00	918.55	32.23
Conferences	1,000.00	0.00	633.27	500.00	0.00	1,133.27	113.33
Publications	9,000.00	2,042.60	1,445.38	1,558.88	0.00	5,046.86	56.08
Awards	200.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	50.00
	15,610.00	3,151.94	2,671.32	2,546.33	0.00	8,369.59	53.62
Summary							
			Fund	Opening	Credits	Debits	Closing
Opening Balance	20,599.93						
Income	9,727.53		Current	6,273.79	9,727.53	8,217.65	7,783.67
Expenses	5,217.65		Endowed	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	3,000.00
			Reserve	11,326.14	3,000.00	0.00	14,326.14
Closing Balance	25,109.81		Surplus	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
				20,599.93	12,727.53	8,217.65	25,109.81
Checking	107.64						
Money Market	14,621.19						
Certif. of Deposit	10,380.98						
	25,109.81						

NOTE; At the beginning of the fiscal year, I transferred \$3,235.05 from the Current to the Reserve Account. Therefore the Current Account began the year with a \$3,000 "loan."

THIS JUST IN...

Homosexuality Archives To Be Core of Major Collection on Sexuality

A comprehensive archives on homosexuality—the first of its breadth in the United States—will be installed at Cornell University this spring and available for research use in the fall.

Acquiring this archive is the initial step in developing “a unique primary source for scholarly study of human sexuality,” according to H. Thomas Hickerson, head of the Department of Manuscripts and University Archives of Cornell University Libraries.

A search has already begun for an archivist to serve as curator for the History of Human Sexuality collection.

The initial collection, around which the archives will be developed, was donated by the Mariposa Education & Research Foundation, and the basic endowment comes from the bequest of David B. Goodstein, a Cornell alumnus who published the national homosexual magazine *The Advocate*.

Private collections are expected to be drawn to Cornell because of the Mariposa collection, which includes periodicals, books, films and videotapes, as well as archival materials from legal briefs to physiological-research results to personal reminiscences on the gay movement. For further information, please contact H. Thomas Hickerson, 101 Oliver Library, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853 or phone (607) 255-3530.



Letters

Dear Members and Friends:

On Monday, February 8, Al Ferguson, the Chairman of the New Jersey Historical Society, will meet with Governor Kean in Trenton. The substance of the meeting will be the gravity of the current crisis at the Society due to a serious lack of funding. The Governor will be informed that if the New Jersey Historical Society's situation does not change in the very near future, our endowment will be exhausted and we will be forced to close our doors forever in 1988.

As the largest group of substantial supporters of the Society since 1945, our members would have a great deal to lose if this happened. I see no need to remind you of the Society's important accomplishments in the past and the crucial need for it to continue its work in preserving New Jersey heritage. Whether you are a long-time supporter or a newcomer, you deserve an assurance that the important work, including publications that the Society is involved in, be allowed to continue. If we don't solve our problems—and do it soon—The Society as a resource for research and cultural activities will no longer be available to us. Our unparalleled collections—well over a million historical artifacts, books,

and manuscripts—will be dispersed and lost to the Society and to all New Jerseyans forever.

To me—and to everyone who has worked with the New Jersey Historical Society—this prospect is unthinkable. But the crisis is very real. I am not exaggerating.

We want to make the members and friends of the Society aware of the seriousness of the current situation. Please utilize this message by making every attempt to contact Governor Kean and your representatives in Trenton and Washington before February 8. Urge them to take immediate action to stabilize the Society. We have already sent a similar message to New Jersey's political and business leaders. Convey the message that as individuals interested in New Jersey history and as a cohesive group, we will not allow the Society as an organization to fail.

Give me a call now or after February 8. The Society is open to your suggestions on how we can avoid the situation of closing the New Jersey Historical Society. Let me know what you think we can do to survive.

Sincerely,

Barry Rosen
Director, New Jersey
Historical Society

MARAC LOGO

The new logo (MARAC's third)—an octagon on which the Mid-Atlantic region is superimposed—makes its formal debut with this issue of the *mid-atlantic archivist*. Left is a nostalgic look back at MARAC's first logo.



State of New Jersey
Office of the Governor

Dear Ms. Paul:

Thank you for sending me the resolution from the Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference steering Committee concerning the New Jersey Historical Society. I share your appreciation for the importance of New Jersey's rich history.

As you may know, I met with Alfred Ferguson and Bruce Coe from the Society's Board of Trustees on February 8. At that meeting, I made a commitment to see that the collection is maintained and that it remains accessible to the people of New Jersey. I have asked the Society to work with Al Felzenberg of the Secretary of State's office and with Cabinet secretary Jane Kenny. Although the State is limited in what it can do to help a private organization, we will make sure that the Society's collection is preserved.

Thank you for sharing your concern with me. Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Thomas H. Kean
Governor

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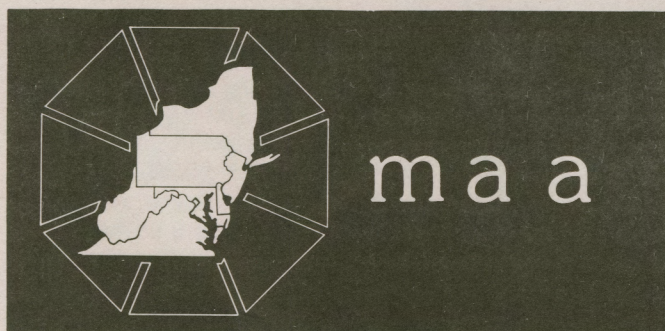


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